



Embassy of the United States of America

Tokyo, Japan

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To: All Prospective Quoters

From: Darin A. Phaovisaid, Contracting Officer

Subject: Question and Answer (Q&A) Correspondence No. 1

Reference: Request for Quotations (RFQ) No. 19JA80-20-Q-0658
Service Gate and Associated Pavement Restoration Services

In response to questions received in regard to the referenced Request for Quotations, the Contracting Officer is disseminating the following information.

Question 1:

Is the submission and approval of the gate shop dwg included in 60 calendar days?

Answer 1:
Yes.

Question 2:

We are wanting to clarify if the boxes indicated are 16b and 16c?

Answer 2:
Yes.

J.2 Submission of Quotations

This Request for Quotation is for the performance of the services described in Section B: Statement of Work, and the Attachments which are a part of this Request for Quotations.

Each quotation must consist one copy of the following:

- (a) Volume 1 - Standard Form 18 (SF-18). Volume 1 consists of completion of blocks 13a, 14, 15, 16a, 16b, and 16c of SF-18.
- (b) Volume 2 - Price. Volume 2 consists of Section A: Price, and Price breakdown.
- (c) Volume 3 - Representations and Certifications. Volume 3 consists of Section L: Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Quoters (complete all portions that are applicable).

Question 2: We are wanting to clarify if the boxes indicated are 16b and 16c ?

13 NAME AND ADDRESS OF QUOTER			14 SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN QUOTATION		15 DATE OF QUOTATION	
a. NAME and ADDRESS OF QUOTER (COMPANY)			16 SIGNER a. NAME (Type or print)		b. TELEPHONE	
DUNS No.:						
c. COUNTRY			c. TITLE (Type or print)		AREA CODE	
d. CITY	e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE			NUMBER	
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Question 3:

With regards to the bond. Having done work with major embassies in the past, our company has experience using bonds. That being said, we have investigated bond issuance for this project over the past few days, and to our surprise, a couple reputable Japanese city banks have been reluctant to issue one. The reasoning behind this seems to be the project size and construction period are too insignificant for a bond issuance, and as a result, does not necessarily make sense (economically) for banks to issue one. They are also indicating that there is no precedent in the past for issuing bonds for US Embassy projects. We intend to continue challenging those banks to help us. In the meantime, we are wondering if there is a specific recommendable bank that would normally be used for bond issuance in US Embassy projects?

Answer 3:

It is the quoter's responsibility to find a bank for obtaining a bond or bank letter of guarantee.

Question 4:

Regarding the contract itself- Our company feels it is pertinent to ask whether or not the contract adheres to a U.S.-form of contract, or is following the Japanese market standard format of contract. Given the U.S and Japan follow a different standard, we have not engaged with the U.S format, and wonder whether a Japanese-style of contract is applicable for this project?

Answer 4:

The contract shall adhere to U.S. Government form of contract.

Question 5:

Will a traffic controller for the delivery of materials at the service gate be supplied by the U.S Embassy?

Answer 5:

No, this would be Contractor's expense.